GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1257
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2007
SONA MASOORI RICE
Virupakshappa Shri K.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of Sona Masoori (SM) Rice exported to other countries every year;

(b) whether the Government is aware that the expense incurred in growing SM rice is Rs. 15,000 per year; and

(c) if so, the reasons for not fixing Minimum Support Prices of this variety of rice?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The International trade data compiled by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is based on the Harmonised System (HS) code for commodity classification. As there is no separate code for Sona Masoori Rice, the export data of Sona Masoori rice is not available. However, India`s total export of Rice during the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 was 4.088 million tonnes and 4.747 million tonnes respectively.

(b) & (c): The cost of cultivation of Sona Masoori rice is not collected separately and hence not available.

The Government fixes MSP of common paddy and Grade `A` paddy only on the basis of recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP). As such, MSP of paddy is not fixed variety-wise and, therefore, no MSP is fixed for Sona Masoori Rice.